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Thirty-Third Congress—First Session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1854.

SENATE.

RELATIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The PRESIDENT pro tem. laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the result of the late military operations in the possession of that State, in relation to the wreck of the steamer San Francisco; which was read, and, on motion by Mr. SHIELDS, it was ordered to be laid on the table and printed for the use of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tem. also laid before the Senate a report of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, transmitting copies of such accounts as have been rendered by persons charged or entrusted with the disbursement or application of money, goods, or effects for the benefit of the Indians from the 1st of July, 1851, to the 30th of June, 1852, inclusive, with lists of the names of all persons to whom goods, money, or effects have been delivered within the same period; which was read, and, on motion by Mr. SEWARD, it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and printed for the use of the Senate.

MEMORIALS, PETITIONS, ETC.

The PRESIDENT pro tem. laid before the Senate the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of New York, held at the Tabernacle, in Broadway, in favor of the adoption of measures to secure to American citizens abroad the right of religious worship; which were, on motion by Mr. FISH, ordered to be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. ALLEN presented resolutions of the legislature of Rhode Island, requesting the senators and representatives of that State in Congress to use their best efforts to prevent the passage of any law tending to disturb the peace of the State of Massachusetts, in relation to the "Missouri-Compromise act," in regard to slavery; which were read and ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. BRODHEAD presented a petition signed by citizens of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey, praying that a further appropriation may be made for the improvement of the piers at Reddy Island; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. ALLEN presented a memorial signed by citizens of the County of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the removal of the United States mint from that city; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. B also presented two memorials of citizens of Maryland, praying that the provisions of the act of March 3, 1825, in relation to the sale of land in the year of 1852, and all subsequent years, not less than 150 acres of land; which he moved to refer to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. SHIELDS could suggest to my friend from New Jersey that the more appropriate reference of these memorials would be to the Committee on Public Lands, as that committee has always acted upon that subject, and not the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. BRODHEAD. In reply to the suggestion of the honorable senator, I would say that, at the last session I had several memorials of this character referred to the Committee on Public Lands; and that committee took no action upon the subject; and I thought that, as the memorials related to the soldiers of the war of 1812, and the lands of my honorable friend from Illinois that they did at the last session from the Committee on Public Lands. I hope, therefore, that my friend will consent that the reference of these shall be made to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. SHIELDS. I think the honorable senator for the compliment which he pays to the Military Committee; but I will state that it has been the uniform custom of the Senate to refer memorials of this character to the Committee on Public Lands. I hope, therefore, that my friend will discharge their duty more faithfully this session than they did before; if not, I will not object to the reference of the memorials to the Military Committee next time. I move, Mr. President, that the memorials be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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Mr. HUNTER presented the petition of Elizabeth Montague, praying that her pension be extended and renewed; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, presented the petition of James Pool, praying the reimbursement of an amount of money paid by him for supplies of the Shawnee tribe of Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. D also presented the petition of James Pool, praying for an account of his accounts from the time when certified by the second auditor to be due, to the time of their payment; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. HUNTER presented the petition of James M. Goggin, praying to be allowed additional compensation for his services as special mail agent for California, and for reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. JONES, of Iowa, presented a petition of citizens of Johnson county, Iowa, praying a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Lyons, Iowa, to the mouth of the Des Moines river, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. J also presented additional documents in relation to the claim of August Klein to a pension; which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. SEBASTIAN presented a supplemental memorial of Amos and John E. Kendall, praying the reference of the question of the legal or equitable obligation of the United States to grant them the relief prayed for, to the circuit court of the District of Columbia, with a right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. NORRIS presented the memorial of John C. F. Salomon, praying an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying pure water to the cities of Washington and Georgetown, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. HAMLIN asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of ship-owners and others, of St. George, Maine, praying the erection of a light-house at the entrance of Tenants harbor, in that State, in order that the boats of the State may be able to give each other the benefit of the light; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. SUMNER asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of the heirs of Abraham Hunt, praying that the bounty and pension be extended to the heirs of their ancestor during the war of the revolution, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; which was agreed to.

Mr. S also asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of the heirs of John C. F. Salomon, deceased, praying interest on commutation pay, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; which was agreed to.

Mr. THOMPSON, of Kentucky, asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of William McKerran, a lieutenant, and assistant commissary in the army, praying that he may be credited on the books of the treasury with an amount of public money out of which he was defrauded by an assistant commissary in the army, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; which was agreed to.

Mr. BRIGHT asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of ship-owners and others, of St. George, Maine, praying the erection of a light-house at the entrance of Tenants harbor, in that State, in order that the boats of the State may be able to give each other the benefit of the light; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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Mr. PRATT asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of James H. Stimpson, son and executor of the late James Stimpson, praying extension of patent for a certain tract of land, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 167) for the relief of Joseph Campen; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the memorial of Edward P. Torrey, legal representative of Joseph Torrey, an officer in the army, praying that the bounty and pension be extended to the heirs of their ancestor during the war of the revolution, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; which was agreed to.

Mr. ADAMS asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving upon the Committee on Indian Affairs, as he was a member of other important committees, which excused him this time.

The request was granted; and, on motion, the President pro tem. was authorized to fill the vacancy, which he did by the appointment of Mr. BROWN.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. PETTIT, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. D. Campen, in behalf of his father, Joseph Campen, praying a patent for a certain tract of land, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 167) for the relief of Joseph Campen; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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Mr. WELLES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Mrs. Helen Mackay, widow and administratrix of Colonel George Mackay, deceased, praying that the accounting officers may be directed to receive certain vouchers as evidence in the settlement of her husband's accounts, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 170) for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, which was read and passed to a second reading, and the report was ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BRIGHT, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. Williamson, a lieutenant in the army, praying indemnity for his baggage and equipment lost by the destruction of a transport vessel on board of which he was embarked in charge of a detachment of recruits for the army, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 171) for the relief of J. Williamson; which was read and passed to a second reading, and the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. F also presented the petition of Calvin K. Lewis, administrator of Greenview, a citizen of New York, praying compensation for the seizure of the schooner "Fanny," submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 172) for the relief of Calvin K. Lewis; which was read and passed to a second reading, and the report was ordered to be printed.

The motion to refer was agreed to; and the motion to print was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. BRIGHT, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of David English and others, of Georgetown, D. C., members of a joint stock association for the manufacture of gas, praying an act of incorporation, reported a bill (S. 166) to incorporate the Georgetown Gas Light Company; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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Mr. J. from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill to aid the Territory of Minnesota in constructing a railroad for military, postal, and other purposes, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 165) to aid the Territory of Minnesota in constructing a railroad for military, postal, and other purposes; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill making a grant of land to the State of Iowa, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 167) to make a grant of land to the State of Iowa, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth R. Drake, widow of Anthony Drake, formerly an officer of the army, praying a pension, submitted an adverse report thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. A. from the same committee, to whom were referred documents in relation to the claim of B. M. Van Derveer to a pension for the services of his father, Albert Van Derveer, during the war of the revolution, submitted an adverse report thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAWSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the Petersburg volunteers, praying the payment of a balance due them for services in the war of 1812, submitted an adverse report thereon, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAYARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John Brooks, praying authority to sue the United States for damages sustained by him in defending his title to certain land against the claim of the United States, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 168) to authorize John Brooks to sue the United States for damages sustained by him in defending his title to certain land against the claim of the United States; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, copies of the communications from Mr. March, the American minister to the Government of Louisiana, in relation to the case of the Rev. Mr. King.

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Mr. GWIN also presented the memorial of C. D. Wilson and sixty-one others, merchants and business men of Los Angeles, California, asking to have San Pedro made a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

COAST SURVEY.

The bill from the House of Representatives granting the franking privilege to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey and the assistant in charge of the office of the said Survey was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. HAMLIN. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to consider that bill at this time. I believe it will consume no more of the time of the Senate than it will take to read it, and it is a very brief one. It simply proposes to give the Superintendent of the Coast Survey and his assistant in charge of that office the franking privilege for their official business. It will, therefore, remove it from the list of bills pending in the Senate, and I will only add that it will be a great relief to the Treasury Department to make this change.

No objection being made, the bill was then considered and passed to a third reading, and by unanimous consent, read a third time; and it was, by unanimous consent, read a third time and passed.

HOUSE BILL REVERSED.

The bill from the House of Representatives giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

COMPENSATION TO CLERKS.

Mr. ADAMS. Mr. President, I now move to postpone the consideration of the bill for taking up Senate bill No. 122—being a bill to amend the third section of the "act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1854," and for other purposes.

Mr. ADAMS. I withdraw it on account of the considerations suggested by the honorable senator from Iowa; but I will give notice that I shall call up the bill again to-morrow morning.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. BAYARD. There is a joint resolution on the table, which was passed by the House of Representatives, for the appointment of a committee to take into consideration certain proposed amendments to the constitution of the United States. I move that it be now taken up; for I think that a respect for the House requires that the same be taken up.

The motion being agreed to, the resolution was taken up and read. It provides that a select committee, composed of nine members on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed by the speaker, to prepare and report to the Senate a bill to amend the constitution of the United States, so as to prohibit slavery in all the Territories.

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Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of the city of Dubuque, Iowa, praying a donation of a lot of ground in that city set apart as a cemetery, submitted a bill (S. 164) to relinquish certain lands to the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa; which was read and passed to a second reading.

country to those two senators, that they had draughted and carried to the world a document, over their own signatures, in which they arrange as if having been guilty of a crime, and a betrayal of trust, as having been guilty of an act of bad faith, and been engaged in an atrocious plot against the cause of free government. Little did I suppose that those two senators had been guilty of such conduct when they called upon me to grant that courtesy, to give them an opportunity of investigating the substance reported to the committee. I have since discovered that on that very morning the National Era, the abolition organ in this city, contained an address, signed by certain abolition confederates, to the people, published that very morning, in which the principal amendment reported by the committee was set out, and then coarse epithets applied to me by name. Sir, had I known those facts at the time I granted that act of indulgence, I should have responded to the request of those senators in such terms as they deserved, and so far as the rules of the Senate and a respect for our own characters would have permitted me to do. I shall now show the character of this document—of which I shall have much to say in the course of my argument—I will now read it.

"We acknowledge this as a gross violation of a sacred pledge; as a criminal betrayal of a precious trust; as a part and parcel of an atrocious plot to exclude from a vast, unoccupied region of the continent, the colored population of Mexico, and to convert it into a vast, unoccupied region of desolation, inhabited by man and slaves."

A SENATOR. By whom is this address signed?

Mr. DOUGLAS. It is signed "S. P. Chase, senator from Ohio; Charles Sumner, senator from Massachusetts; Gerrit Smith, representative from New York; Alexander De Witt, representative from Massachusetts," including, as I understand, all the representatives of the abolition party in Congress.

"The Territory of the United States, which was discovered by the first white